

Summary

Human dignity as the basis of human right's concept

This thesis aims to show that human dignity could be understood as the human rights basis and aim. Theses is divided into free main chapters. First one called human dignity presents selected documents guaranteeing human dignity or documents providing human dignity its specific content. There are also presented biblical roots of human dignity and Immanuel Kant's conception of human dignity. At the end of this part of thesis there is presented discussion about human rights from the bioethical perspective.

Second part is focused on human rights. There are described human rights principles, goals, characteristics and system focusing on human dignity as their basis. In this part there is introduced christian church's attitude to human rights and human dignity as its basis. At the end of this chapter is introduced relationship between social work and human rights.

The final third chapter is a summary of the previous text. It presents reasons why human dignity can be seen as the basis of human rights. There are shown the arguments justifying the need for human dignity for a full understanding of human rights. At the end of the chapter there is described European Court of Human Rights decision in case of Pretty vs. United Kingdom which was standing whole on human dignity as it's basis.

Keywords

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